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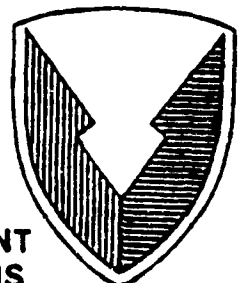


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PART 1

INTRODUCTION

A. BACKGROUND.

The U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School was tasked by LSAAP to provide MIL-STD-398 instrumentation services for measuring blast overpressure and thermal flux of the barricade for Volcano MOPMS Pressure Cartridge Assembly. The barricade shields operators from a quantity of explosive material used as a filter for the pressure cartridge. An MCI was identified by LSAAP and approved by AMCFSA, Charlestown, IN. Based on this criteria, two blast pressure gages were placed at operator positions in front of and at the side of the barricade. Thermal flux gages were also placed at the same positions of the blast overpressure gages. The test charge was functioned, blast pressure and thermal flux recorded. Blast overpressure levels were too low in amplitude to be recorded. Thermal flux was recorded and radiation level was well below the exposure limits of MIL-STD-398.

B. AUTHORITY.

This test was conducted in accordance with mission responsibilities delegated by the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command (AMCCOM), Rock Island, IL 61299-6000. Reference is made to Change 4, 4 October 1974, to AR 740-1, 23 April 1971, Storage and Supply Operations; AMCCOMR 10-17, 13 January 1986, Mission and Major Functions of U.S. Army Defense Ammunition Center and School.

C. OBJECTIVE.

The objective of this test is to determine if the barricade for Volcano MOPMS Pressure Cartridge Assembly meets the requirements of

MIL-STD-398: Method 101, Blast Overpressure; Method 201, Fragment Retention; and Method 301, Heat Flux Measurement.

D. CONCLUSIONS.

1. Blast overpressures recorded at the operators position was 0.5 psi reflected pressure and 0.25 psi reflected at the left side of the shield. No direct blast overpressure was recorded. The blast pressures recorded are below the 5.0 psi limit for reflected pressure.

2. The barricade was not effective in eliminating fragmentation. Protective shield cover over the stack vent was blown approximately 100 feet from the barricade. In addition, unfunctioned M1 propellant grain was scattered on the ground at approximately 50 feet radius from the center of the barricade.

3. Thermal flux radiation recorded at the operators position was 0.1 btu/sq ft-sec. This amount of radiation is below the maximum limit of MIL-STD-398. Thermal flux observed at the side of the barricade was at the electronic threshold of the instrumentation. As a result of this low level, no usable data was recorded.

4. Blast overpressure and heat flux measurements indicate that the shield is effective in shielding the operator from an accidental functioning of the explosive in the barricade. The barricade was not effective in retaining fragmentation. The fragments were not part of the explosive device, but part of the protective shield and the explosive materiel.

E. RECOMMENDATION.

It is recommended that the barricade for Volcano MOPMS Pressure Cartridge Assembly be retested for Fragmentation Retention, Method 201, after a method has been devised to retain the shield protective cover.

PART 2

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PART 3

TEST PROCEDURES

DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

100 Class - Blast Attenuation Tests

200 Class - Fragmentation Confinement Tests

300 Class - Thermal Effects Attenuation Tests

CLASS-100 BLAST ATTENUATION TESTS

METHOD 101 BLAST OVERPRESSURE MEASUREMENT

A. PURPOSE

1. Measurement of blast overpressure is conducted to ensure that personnel are not exposed to peak positive incident overpressure greater than 2.3 psi when the operational shield is subjected to an MCI.

2. An acceptable alternative to measuring peak positive incident overpressure is to measure peak positive normal reflected overpressure. Personnel shall not be exposed to a maximum positive normal reflected overpressure greater than 5.0 psi when the operational shield is subjected to an MCI.

B. DESCRIPTION OF TEST

An MCI is created with the operational shield. Blast pressure gages are used to measure blast overpressure.

C. CRITERIA FOR PASSING TEST

The operational shield shall be considered acceptable if it can be determined from a pressure-distance plot of the data that personnel will not be exposed to a peak positive incident overpressure above 2.3 psi or a peak positive normal reflected overpressure above 5.0 psi.

D. INSTRUMENTATION

Blast Pressure Gages and Electronic Recording System. Based on the equivalent test charge weight of explosives and anticipated peak overpressure, the instrumentation system shall have the necessary response time and bandwidth to acquire data. Instrumentation shall be calibrated in accordance with current procedures of TB 43-180, Calibration Requirements for the Maintenance of Army Materiel.

E. TEST PROCEDURE

1. When the shield is tested in a simulated operational bay environment, overpressure readings shall be taken at the following locations:

(a) At the center of probable head locations of each operator. For standing locations, the gages shall be positioned 65 inches above the floor; for sitting locations, it shall be 31.5 inches above the seat.

(b) At representative positions where transient personnel may be located.

2. When testing is conducted in open air, position blast gages around the shield in two or three concentric circles at distances where it is expected that overpressures of interest will be found. Stagger the gages so shock waves reaching the outer circles are not distorted by gages in the inner circle. The gages shall be placed at a height of 65 inches.

3. All instrumentation shall be within calibration at time of test.

4. If the shield is designed for use with more than one model or type of ammunition, select the item that would produce the maximum overpressure.

5. Apply an overload equal to 25 percent or more of the filler weight of the ammunition selected for the test, unless otherwise directed in an approved test plan.

6. All major explosive components should be fuzed separately to ensure simultaneous detonation or deflagration in order to simulate the MCI, unless otherwise directed in an approved test plan.

7. Function explosives and record overpressure readings.

8. Prepare pressure-distance plots from overpressure recordings.

CLASS-200 FRAGMENT RETENTION TESTS

METHOD 201 FRAGMENT RETENTION TEST

A. PURPOSE

Fragment testing is conducted to verify that a prototype operational shield will:

1. Contain all fragmentation or direct fragmentation away from areas requiring protection.
2. Prevent generation of secondary fragmentation within areas requiring protection.
3. Prevent movement, overturning, or structural deflections which could result in personal injury.

B. DESCRIPTION OF TEST

An MCI is created to test the operational shield.

C. CRITERIA FOR PASSING TEST

1. Contain all fragmentation or direct fragmentation away from areas requiring protection.
2. Prevent generation of secondary fragmentation within areas requiring protection.
3. Prevent movement, overturning, or structural deflections which could result in personal injury.

D. TEST EQUIPMENT

Still picture camera equipment.

E. TEST PROCEDURE

1. Fragmentation Retention Test.

(a) If the shield is designed for use with more than one mode or type of ammunition, select that item which will have the greatest potential fragmentation or shape charge effect. Equipment, or reasonable simulation thereof, which shall perform the intended function on the ammunition, shall be

positioned to generate secondary fragments.

(b) Apply an overload equal to 25 percent or more of the filler weight of the ammunition selected for the test, unless otherwise directed in an approved test plan.

(c) All major explosive components should be fused separately to ensure simultaneous detonation or deflagration in order to simulate the MCI, unless otherwise directed in the approved test plan.

(d) Function explosives.

2. Post-Test Procedure.

(a) Examine the interior and exterior for evidence of fragments. Photograph the shield to document test results.

(b) Examine shield for movement, overturning, or structural deflections which could result in personal injury.

(c) Shields designed for intentional detonation shall be examined for damage and an estimate made as to the ability of the shield to remain operational as specified in the design criteria.

CLASS-300 THERMAL EFFECTS MEASUREMENT

METHOD 301 HEAT FLUX MEASUREMENT

A. PURPOSE

Heat flux measurement is a condition of measure that personnel are not exposed to a maximum radiant heat flux determined in the equation given in criteria for passing test of this standard.

B. DESCRIPTION OF TEST

An MCI is created. Heat flux transducers are used to measure radiant heat flux.

C. CRITERIA FOR PASSING TEST

The operational shield shall be considered acceptable if it can be determined from heat flux-distance and heat flux-time plots of test data that personnel will not be exposed to a radiant heat flux rating exceeding the formula: $F=1.0/(0.62t)$ $T=0.7423$ cal/cm²-sec, where F= is the thermal flux, T=time in seconds.

D. INSTRUMENTATION

Heat Flux Transducers and Electronic Recording System. Based on the thermal flux expected at the location of the transducers, the instrumentation system shall have the necessary response time and bandwidth to acquire data. Instrumentation shall be calibrated in accordance with current procedures of TB 43-180, Calibration Requirements for the Maintenance of Army Materiel.

E. TEST PROCEDURE

1. When the shield is tested in a simulated operational bay environment, heat flux readings shall be taken at the following locations:

(a) At the center of probable head locations of each operator. For standing locations the transducers shall be positioned 65 inches above the floor; for sitting locations it shall be 31.5 inches above the seat.

(b) At representative positions where transient personnel may be

located.

2. In a free field test, flux values at various distances from the point of detonation can be estimated by the relationship: $O_1(d_1^2) = O_2(d_2^2)$, where O =heat flux in $\text{btu/in}^2\text{-sec}$ d =distance from point of detonation.

3. All instrumentation shall be within calibration at time of test.

4. If the shield is designed for use with more than one model or type of ammunition, select the item for the greatest heat flux.

5. Apply an overload equal to 25 percent or more of the filler weight of the ammunition selected for the test, unless otherwise directed in an approved test plan.

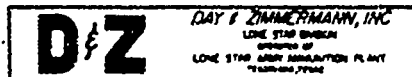
6. All major explosive components should be fused separately to ensure simultaneous detonation or deflagration in order to simulate the MCI, unless otherwise directed in an approved test plan.

7. Function explosives and record radiant flux readings.

8. Prepare heat flux-distance and heat flux-time plots from radiant flux recordings

PART 4

LSAAP TEST PROCEDURE



EM-8500/TST/DK
November 16, 1988

TECHNICAL PROGRAM LS-319

SUBJECT: Testing of proposed barricade for powder dispensing for pressure cartridge for Volcano-MOPMS, SKC-2515.

PURPOSE: To determine if the proposed dual purpose barricade will adequately contain the explosion of (1.) 10 ounces of Black Powder Class 4, SPEC MIL-P-223 & (2.) 30 ounces of Propellant, M1 Type 1. (Equivalent to a normal charge weight plus + 25% safety factor.)

DISCUSSION:

The proposed barricade will be utilized to enclose dispense mechanisms for the Black Powder and Propellant required in producing the pressure cartridges for Volcano & MOPMS. In order to provide fragmentation data during the test an item similar in construction to the powder dispense units will contain the explosives.

PROCEDURE:

The barricade will be positioned at a suitable location in XX-17 near test barricade XX-76.

An electric blasting cap will be placed inside the barricade with the lead wires run to the outside. If necessary, a pair of supplemental lead wires will be attached to the wires of the blasting cap and shunted.

An exact weight of 10 ounces of Black Powder, Class 4 will be received from Stores and positioned inside the barricade adjacent to the blasting cap and powder dispense simulator. An exact weight of 30 ounces of M1 Type 1 Propellant will be received from Stores and positioned inside the barricade adjacent to the blasting cap and powder dispense simulator. The barricade door will then be closed.

The field lines will be shunted at the connector box and checked at the barricade end for continuity and extraneous electricity. If the circuit is complete and no extraneous electricity is detected, the lead wires and field line will be connected.

The circuit will be checked at the connector box. If no deficiencies exist in the circuit, the Technical Supervisor will ascertain that all persons are in their proper locations. The blasting machine will then be introduced to the circuit and activated.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

All electrical connections will be taped to insure adequate insulation.

The circuit connector box and the blasting machine will be locked at all times except when firing. The key will be in the possession of the Technical Supervisor.

PERSONNEL LIMITS: Eight (8)

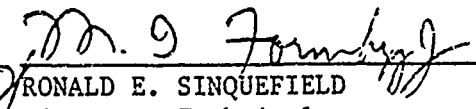
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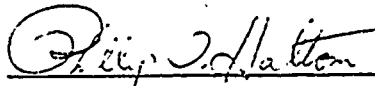
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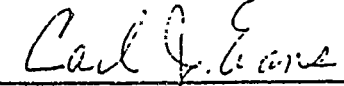
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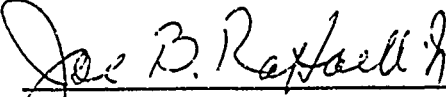

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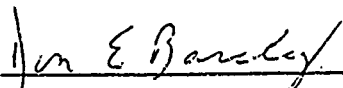

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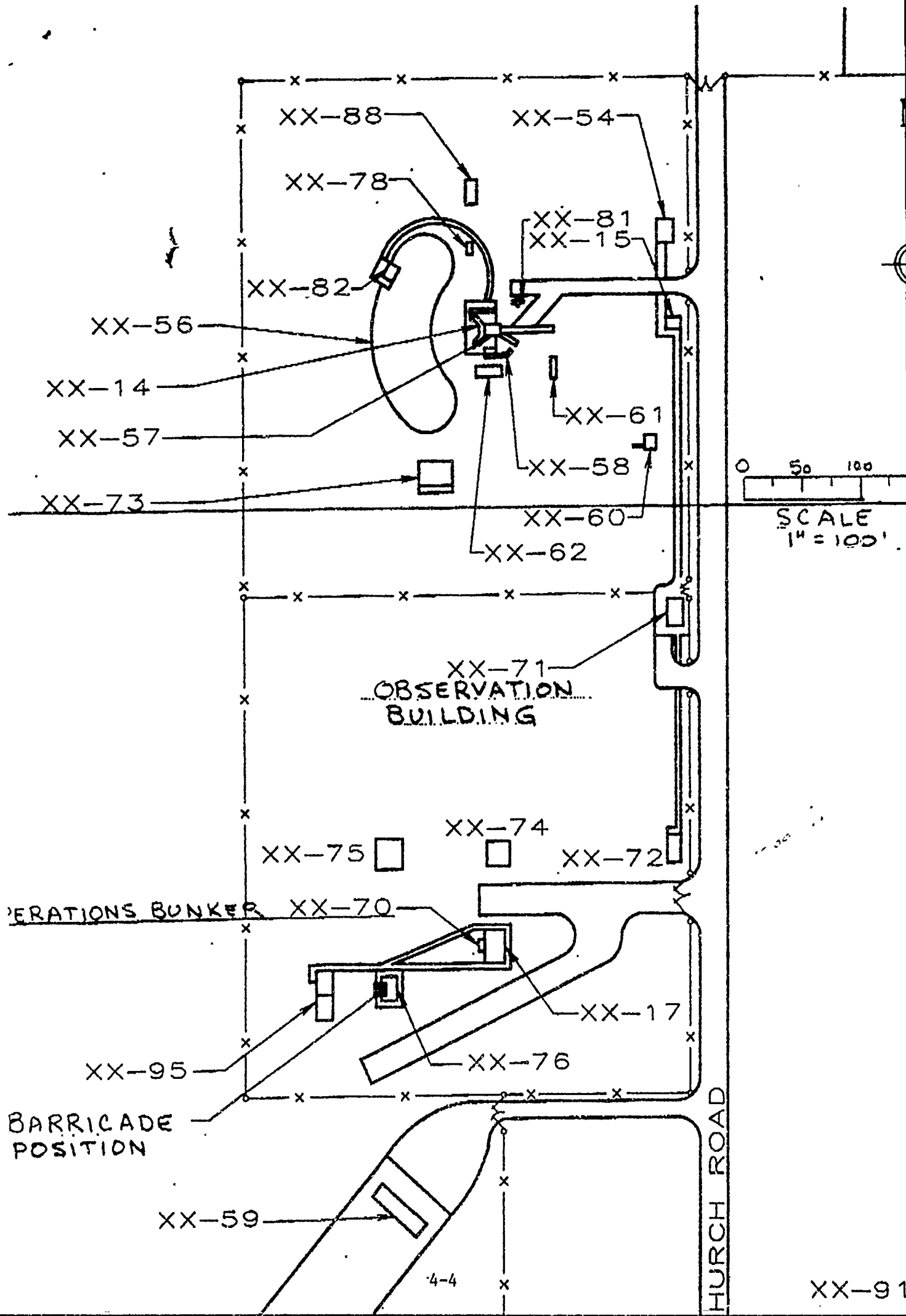
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SUBJECT: Test Plans for LS-318 and LS-319 Technical Programs

USAMC Field Safety Activity, Charlestown, IN 47111-9669 25 Oct 89

For Commander, U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command,
ATTN: AMSMC-SFP, Rock Island, IL 61299-6000

1. We have reviewed the subject submission from an explosives safety viewpoint. Based on the information provided, we are returning the test results without approval.
2. As stated in the 2nd endorsement, DOD 6055.9-STD requires that personnel exposed to remotely controlled operations will not be exposed to blast overpressures greater than 2.3 psi. MIL-STD-398 provides information on test instrumentation for blast overpressure measurement, test procedures, and criteria for passing. These procedures were not followed and no measurement of the blast overpressure was made.
3. DOD 6055.9 also states that personnel shall be provided protection that will limit thermal fluxes to 0.3 calories per square centimeter per second. MIL-STD-398 also provides procedures and criteria for this requirement. These procedures were not followed and no measurement of the thermal fluxes was made.
4. Operational shields must provide the protection listed above and this must be shown by testing and measurement of the blast overpressure and thermal fluxes. The test data provided verify that no fragments escaped the containment device, but smoke did seep out around the door. Total containment of the blast was not provided so remote operator protection must be shown.

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We have reviewed the subject test plans from an explosives safety viewpoint. Based on the information provided, the test plans are approved with the following conditions:

a. DOD 6055.9-STD, Chapter 2, paragraph D.3., states that the personnel exposed to remotely controlled operations will not be exposed to blast overpressures greater than 2.3 psi. The proposed explosive containment device should be designed to ensure that the operators will not be exposed to greater than 2.3 psi. MIL-STD-398 provides information on test instrumentation for blast overpressure measurement, test procedures, and criteria for passing. Testing should be performed in accordance with prescribed procedures to insure that requirements for remote operator protection are met.

b. MIL-STD-398 also provides test procedures to insure fragment retention. Insure that proper test procedures and post-test procedures are followed to show total containment of fragments.

c. DOD 6055.9, Chapter 2, paragraph P.2., states that personnel shall be provided protection that will limit thermal fluxes to 0.3 calories per square centimeter per second. MIL-STD-398 also provides procedures and criteria for this requirement.

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PART 5

TEST RESULTS

SUBJECT: Explosive Test of barricade for Volcano MOPMS Pressure Cartridge Assembly

TEST DATE: 6 November 1989

TEST LOCATION: Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant

TEST RESULTS:

1. Blast Overpressure, Method 101:

- a. At operators position: 0.5 psi, reflected
- b. At left side of barricade 0.25 psi, reflected

2. Fragment Retention Test, Method 201:

- a. The barricade did not contain fragmentation due to blowing of a protective cover approximately 100 feet from the barricade.
- b. M1 propellant grain was found on the ground approximately 50 feet from the barricade center line.

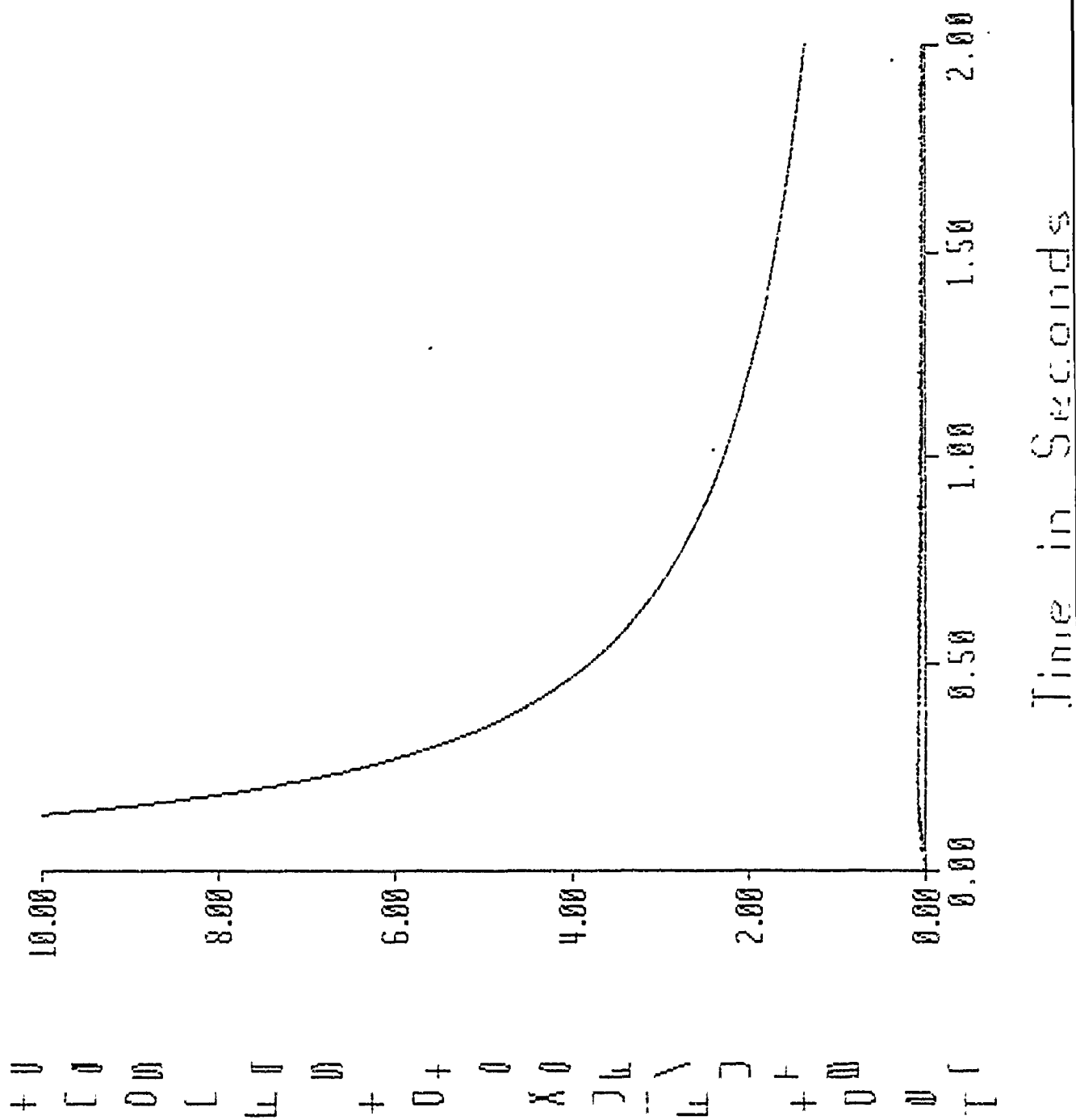
3. Heat Flux Measurements, Method 301:

- a. At operator's position: 0.1 btu/sq. ft.-sec.
- b. At left side of barricade: none recorded.

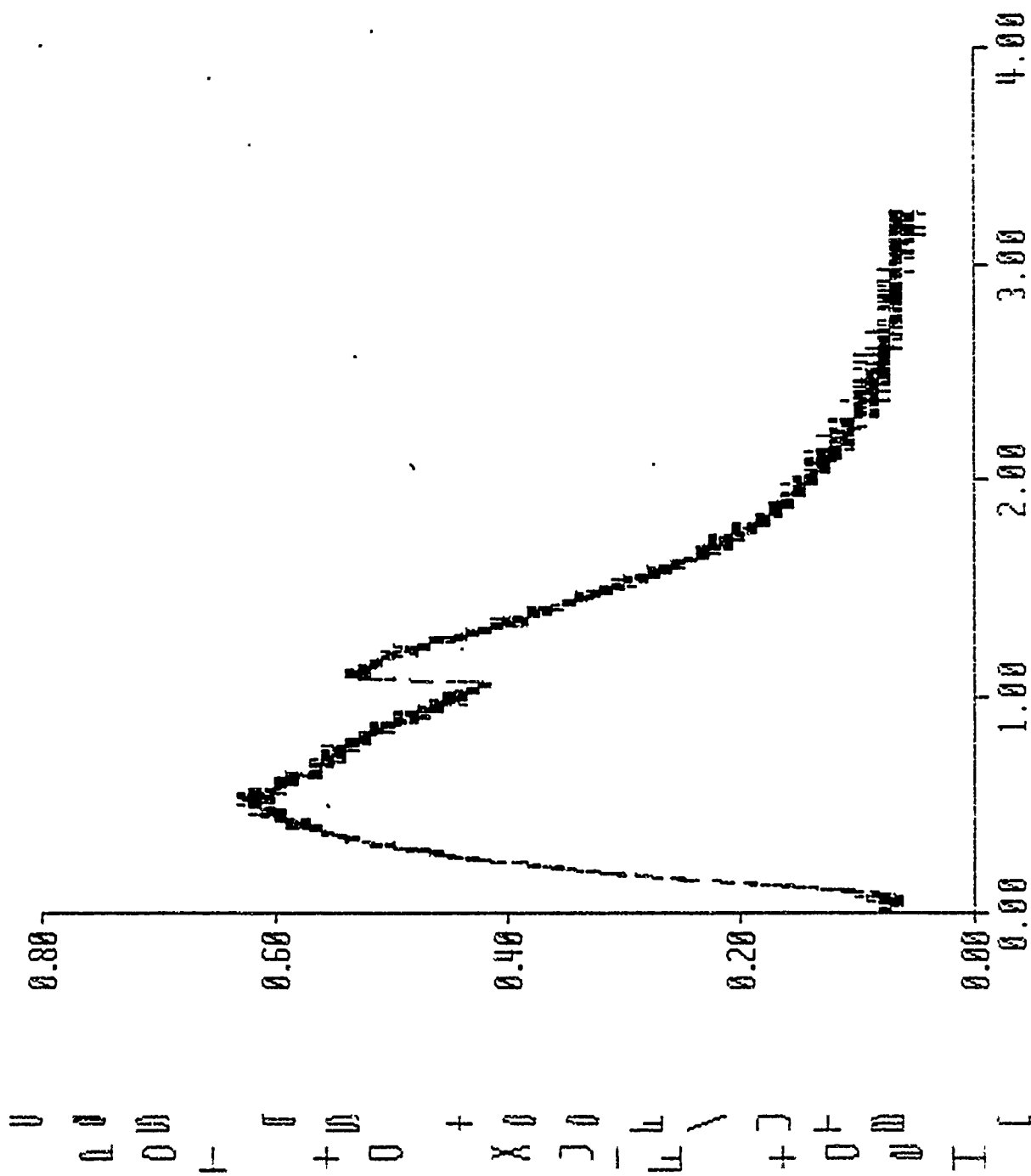
Note: Recorded blast pressures are reflected. No incident blast peak pressure was recorded.

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Shield Test of Powder Load System Barcode

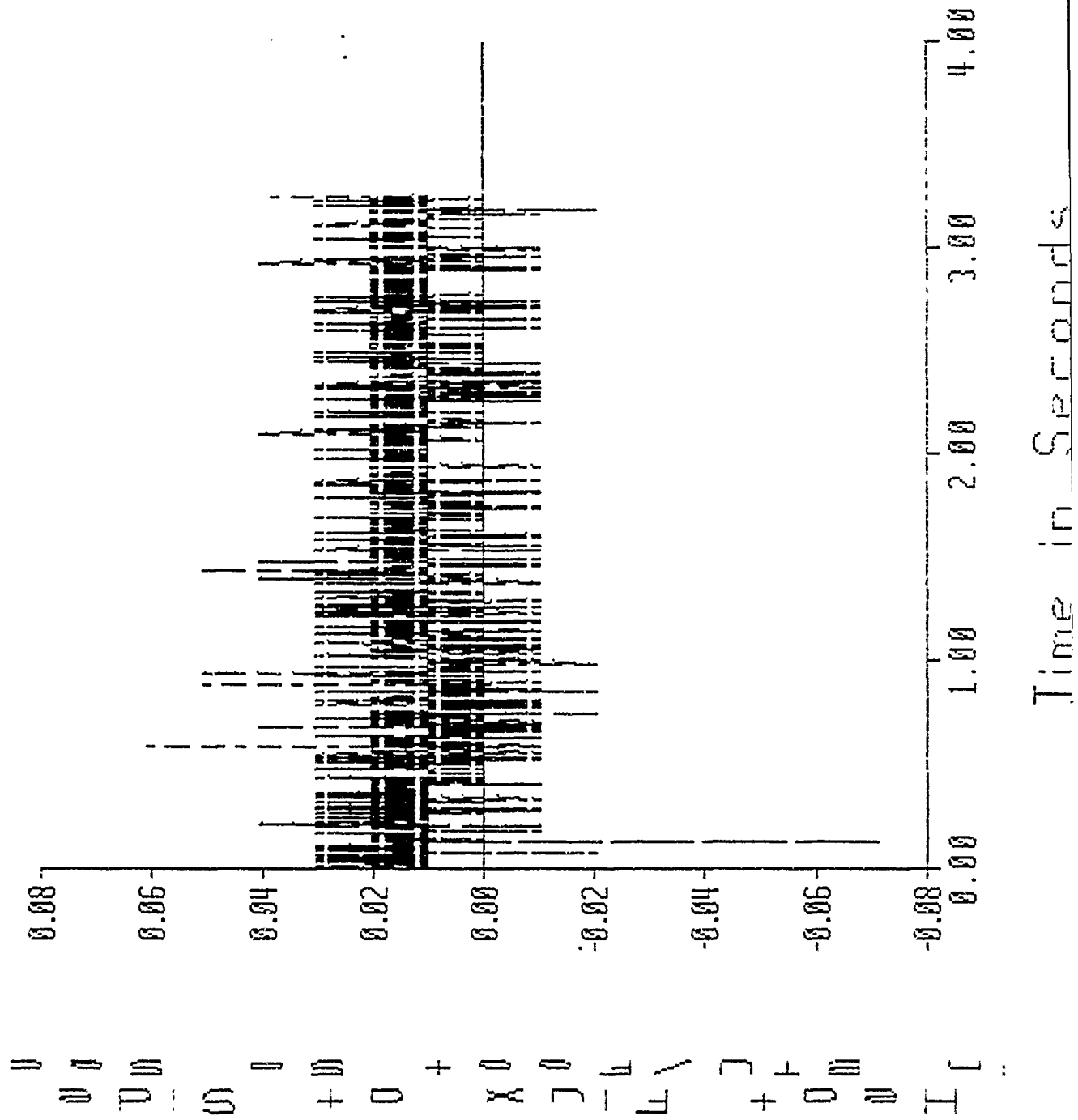


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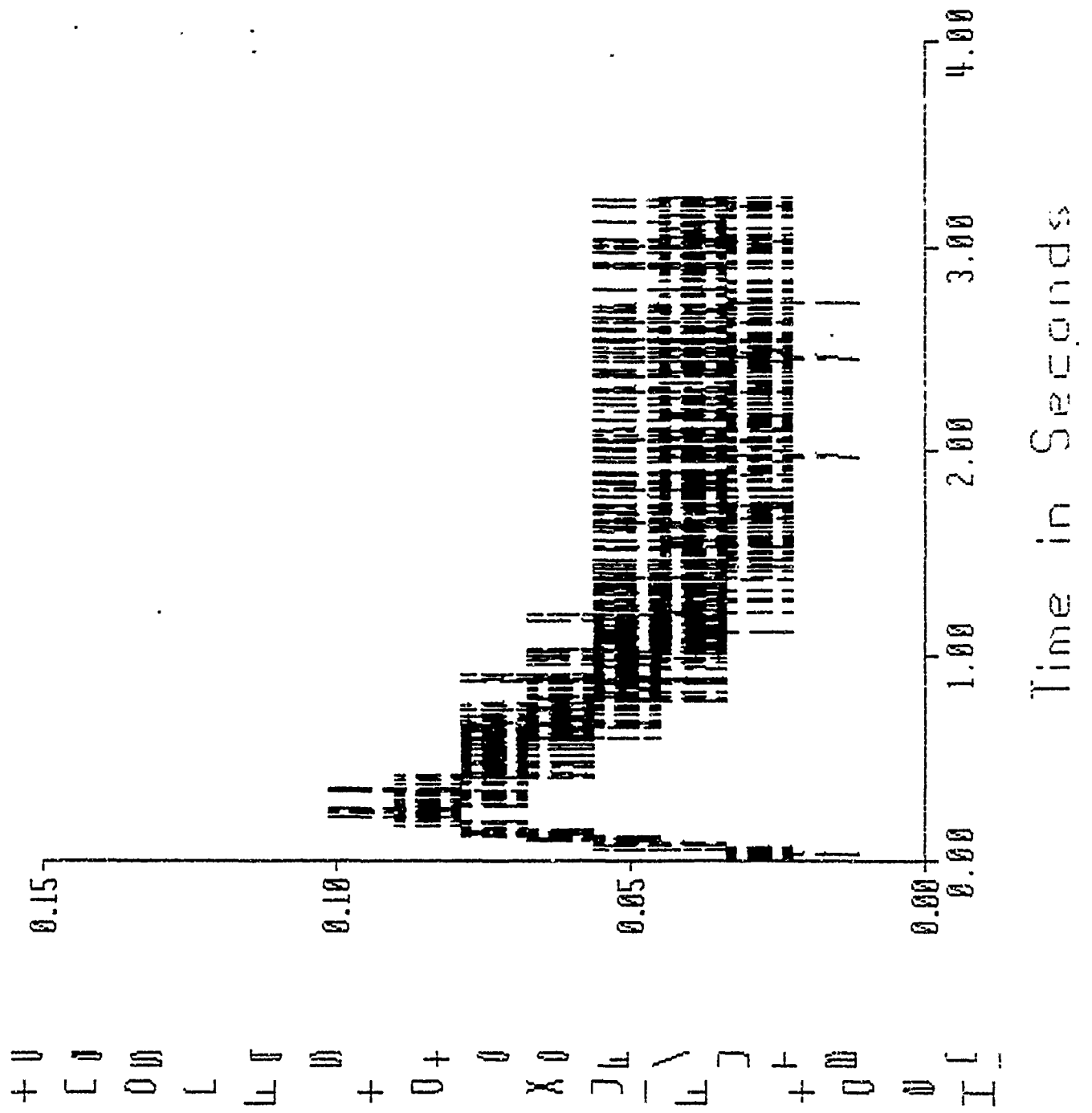


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Shield test of Powder Load System Barcode



PART 6

PHOTOGRAPHS



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Photo No. 1 This photo shows the Volcano Pressure Cartridge loading barricade closed as in operation. Normally, mechanical cylinders would be attached to open and close the shield door. They have been removed for test purposes. The transducer stand at the right is at the operating position. The transducer stand at the left represents a possible transient operator position.



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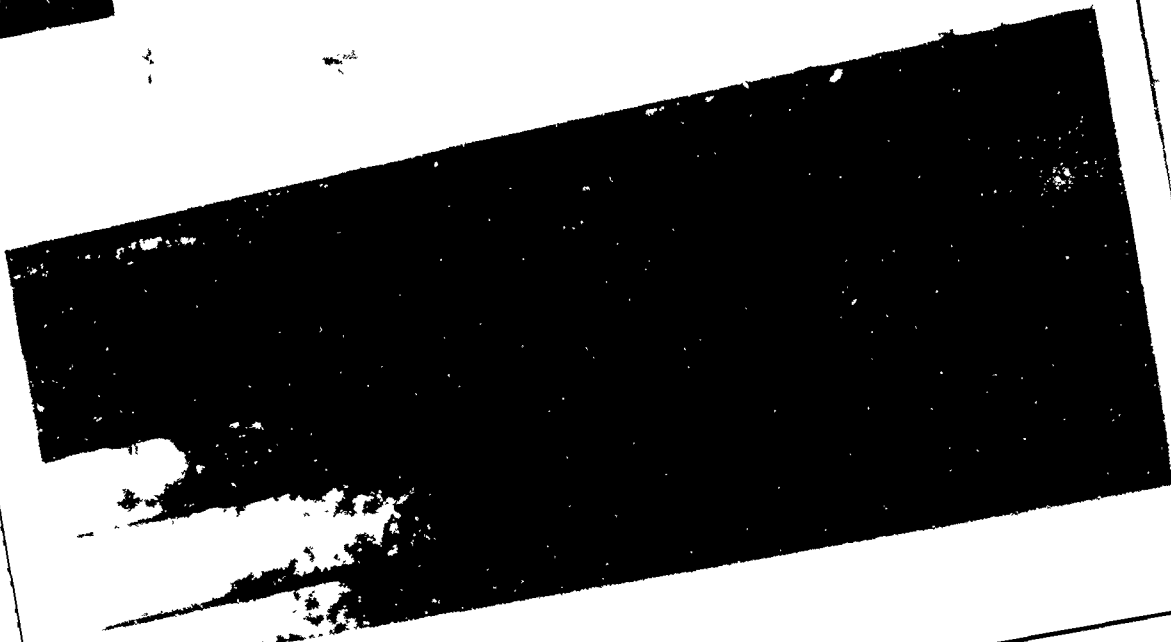
Photo No. 2 This photo shows a model of the Pressure Cartridge Filler Assembly containing black powder, M1 Propellant, and electric initiating device. This container is raised to the normal operating position with wood blocks. Normally, nonflammable materials will be used. The metal blocks and wood 2 by 4s are used to keep the loading shield open while the filter assembly is loaded.



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Photo No. 3 This photo shows an overall view of the test-site. The barricade to be tested is shown in the center. A model roof was constructed to simulate the roof where the barricade is expected to be used. blast overpressure and thermal flux gages are positioned at the operators position and at the left side.



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Photo No. 5 This photo shows the barricade protecting through the model roof. The covering is translucent plastic panels. Note the black specks resting on top of the panels. These specks are M1 propellant grains. The propellant grains were blown from the hopper at the operator's position inside the closed shield.



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Photo No. 6 This photo shows M1 propellant grains on the ground after functioning the charge in the
barricade. Propellant grains were found within a radius of 20 yards from the center of initiation.

PART 7

DRAWINGS

